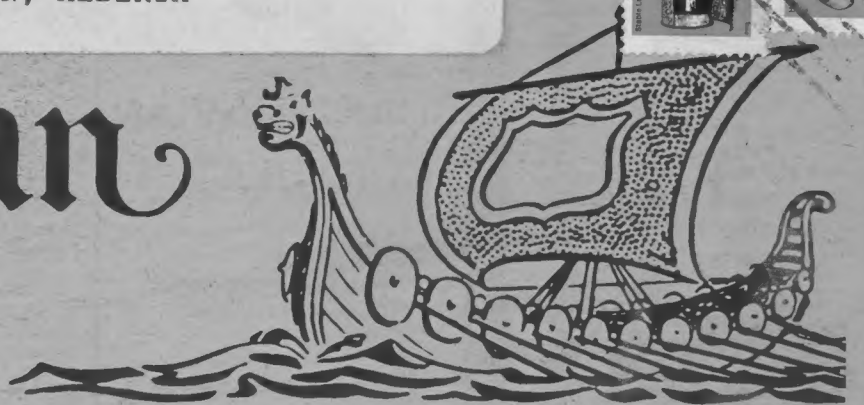


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'Northern Lights' Gracious Host

By Astrid Hope

The fourteenth annual Inter-Lodge Sports event of the Sons of Norway was held at Grande Prairie, Alberta, February 21, 22, 23.

Participating Solglyt Lodge members travelled by chartered bus, and the 4½ hours, both coming and going, moved along quickly with all the socializing, card-playing, reading, bingo and guitar entertainment.

On arrival at 7:30 p.m., the Grande Prairie Inn already had an influx of members from other Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan (seven Lodges from Alberta and three from Saskatchewan).

Friday was allocated for registration for the Games (approx. 232) and socializing. Northern Lights #493 proved to be as gracious a host Lodge as ever. Two local bands (arranged by Carl Oilund) supplied the dance music, and a terrific display of foods and refreshments suited all tastes. It was really a fun time!

Competition on Saturday

Sports action started at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Complimentary rides were rendered by the host Lodge to the bowling alley, (4 blocks away), to the curlers going to Sexsmith (14 km away), as well as for the skiers. Norwegian whist took place in the hotel and all games were completed that day.

Following a beautiful buffet Saturday evening, Laverne Sorgaard of the host Lodge was M.C. for the evening. He introduced Olaf Gunderson, President of Northern Lights, who extended a welcome and relayed greetings from Kermit Lilje, President of District Lodge No. 4, and Everett Knudsvig, District Director, neither of whom could be present. There were greetings from Oscar Blais, Mayor of Grande Prairie, and Ross Anderson commended "Northern Lights" for the super, super arrangements made.

Well-known Ed Ness, a recent recipient of a St. Olav medal, and Past President for District No. 4 brought regrets from Paul Myklemoe, Presi-

dent of the International Lodge, and Bjarne Eikevik, Vice-President. He also informed us that Lethbridge, Alberta, will be initiating a new Lodge in the fall.

Selma and Sigurd Sorenson were given special recognition for their efforts in the formation of Northern Lights Lodge #493 in 1967. Sig responded by saying how thrilled and proud he was of the accomplishments made by the Lodge.

Alberta Cultural Heritage Director for Northern Alberta, Roman Petrychin, on behalf of Mary Lemessuriër, Honourable Minister of Culture, expressed approval of the Norwegian Language Camp and wished continued success in all the endeavours of the Lodge. He ended his speech with the Norwegian "Haaber det har en god tid denne helge".

Members honoured

Olaf Gunderson, on behalf of Northern Lights Lodge, honoured Martha and Clarence Sjerdaal for their long service as members of the Lodge and also on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary; they are 79 and 81 years respectively. Gunnar Sveinungaard (uncle to Solglyt President, Kris Nyhus) was honoured on his 80th birthday coming up the following day. He is a charter member, active in cross-country and downhill skiing and is presently teaching physical fitness. He is active with Lodge carpentry duties, has taught the Norwegian language, and, as well, promotes his heritage. He received a standing ovation and everybody joined in singing "Happy Birthday". Gratulere med dagen, Gunnar! Both parties received specially inscribed silver trays.

Special thanks for this great weekend function were given to all the organizers in the different categories. It came through without a hitch.

Music for dancing was supplied by the "Happy Wanderers".

Awards Given

Following the brunch Sunday morning, the sports awards were presented.

14 teams participated in bowling this year. The highest score belonged to Camrose with 6644. The team with the lowest was a mixed team (Outlook, Battleford, Olds and Red Deer) with the score 5907.

Fran Andrews, Red Deer -
Ladies' High - 1186
Frances Svenson, Red Deer -
Ladies' Low - 526
Obert Hanson, Camrose -
Men's High - 1482

Edmonton had 2 teams in the bowling competition.

16 teams participated in curling. A Grande Prairie rink won first with 38 points, while a second Grande Prairie

rink won second with 34 points. Edmonton entered 5 rinks this year.

The recent snowfalls enabled Grande Prairie to have skiers participating in the competition this year.

- 1) Senior Ladies:
First - Nancy Iverson
Second - Sheila Thorson
- 2) Ladies 20 years and under:
First - Delianne Vavrek
Second - Susan Odegard
- 3) Junior boys:
Darby Olson
- 4) Men 20 years and over:
Vince Vavraek
- 5) Men 50 years and over:
First - Andy Haugen
Second - Herman Thorson
Third - Clarence Iverson
- 6) Men 60 years and over:
Gunnar Odegard

7) Senior Citizens:

Gunnar Sveinungaard
Edmonton had no skiers taking part this year.

There were 8 tables in competition for Norwegian Whist. Ladies' high score was 65 - won by Bea Huser of Edmonton.

Ladies' low was won by Alma Sundby.

Men's high score 66 - won by Knut Sundy.

Edmonton had 6 people playing whist.

Ross Anderson donated a ceramic trumpeter swan to the Lodge which had the greatest number of members participating. Edmonton received that honour with 38.

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Solglyt Spotlight

By Bob Burt

Coming events:

April 7

- Combined Executive and General Meeting at MacKay House 7:30 p.m. (Whist 8:30 p.m.)

May 17

- Syttende Mai Flag Raising at City Hall.
- Luncheon (Place to be named).
- Program and supper (Place and time to be announced).

MARCH 1

- Applications for Camp Norway (\$50.00) rebate if applied for before March 1st. Ticket fare reduced if applied for before January 31st.

June 25-28

- 4th District Convention at Fargo N.D.

August 17-23

- Norwegian Language and Culture Camp.

APRIL 9

- Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Ltd. at Royal Copenhagen Restaurant at 8:00 p.m.

Norwegian Consul
Acknowledged

Our own Arne Johannessen was presented with a Cultural Certificate at the Awards Banquet in Calgary, February 15th.

The Achievement Award was received for : Outstanding contribution of Ethnic Cultural Development.

The award was given for services of an Ethnic nature provided for at least the past ten years.

Congratulations were extended to Arne at the presentation by the Government of Alberta through Madame Mary Lemessurier and the Premier, Don Getty, together with other Government dignitaries.

CULTURAL CORNER

By Astrid Hope,
Assistant Cultural Director
Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway.

Time to think "CAMP" — This year the Trollhaugen Language, Arts and Culture Camp will be held August 17-23rd at the same place (Sylvan Lake), sponsored again by Olds Fjellsyn 591 Lodge. Plan your holiday around it. The theme this year is "Trollhaugen salutes famous Norwegians". Please bring a pack-sack for one of the activities. Any one interested or wishing for more information or application forms. please write to:

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In Edmonton contact:
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On Tuesday, January 14th, the "Freeloaders" were invited to have supper with the residents of Canora Gardens, 10160 - 151 Street. After supper, the "Freeloaders" played for

the dancing. Members representing the "Freeloaders" were Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Carl Anderson and Astrid Hope.

The "Freeloaders" were honoured to perform during "happy hour" for the banquet finalizing the second annual "Birkebeiner" Race (from Devon to Edmonton) at the Silver Slipper, February 8th. Wally Broen, Harry Huser, Gary Johnson, Carl Anderson and Astrid Hope took part. Following the meal, the awards were given out.

On February 24th, Kris Nyhus and Astrid Hope were invited to take part in the Edith Rogers Junior High School's 2nd Annual Multicultural Celebrations.

This year's focus was on European Cultures. Kris and Astrid represented the Norwegians.

The population of this school is 640 pupils and represents more than 35 different countries of origin. The opening ceremonies took place in the auditorium, which was transformed into a Greek amphitheatre — complete with high columns, grape vines and white papier-mache sculptures depicting greek figures; this was all the work of the Art pupils.

For the kick-off, Principal Mr. K. Koilpilla extended a welcome. One of the students was M.C. and he called up speakers in the following order: Hon. Milt Pahl, Prov. Minister of Native Affairs; Hon. David Kilgour, M.P.; Mrs. Marion Herbert, Public School Trustee; Mayor Laurence Decor; Alderman, Terry Cavanagh; and School Board Chairman, Don Massey.

Following the speeches, a Cultural Fashion Show displayed the costumes of various cultures along with a commentary prepared by the students; Kris and Astrid were also part of this show.

After the show, Cultural Resource Sessions were held in the classrooms. Kris and Astrid spoke at three concurrent sessions about Norway — the land, the people, customs and traditions and crafts. Kris showed a few relevant slides, while Astrid had a display of Norwegian crafts and artifacts. Following the talks, lunch was served in the library.

Other Scandinavian members involved were: Sonja Berkstrom, Swedish; June Parker, Icelandic; Tiina Holn, Finnish; and Helen Nielsen, Danish.

This celebration was planned for 3 days. That same afternoon 22 candidates received their Canadian citizenship. The following days were scheduled for programs of special European Dances and variety shows with an ethnic food fair available for sampling. The school was vibrant with activity, and excitement prevailed throughout the whole building.

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Tim Bushell wins Birkebeiner

By Bob Burt

The second Canadian Birkebeiner Cross Country Ski race was run off Saturday, February 8th, from Devon to Fort Edmonton (on 1885 Street). The Sun Life sponsors were represented at the start line by Burn Evans and Dieter Jaster, both of Edmonton, and Public Relations man Rod Artagnan of Toronto. Lois Conardi, head of Cross Country Alberta Skiers was also present. Les Finch, the Chief of Start, was a busy man, getting the 167 entries ready to take off at 10:00 a.m. for the 47 km race. Burn Evans handled the shot-gun to start the race. Roger Grette was Chief of the Race.

The weather was perfect, the snow was crisp and sharp for a fast track. The course crossed the River six times enroute. The original Birkebeiner (Bjorkebeiner) race was in Norway, when skiers carried the 12 pound Prince to safety some 55 kms over the mountains. For protection the skiers wrapped their legs with birchbark. Thus, in this race, the Birkebeiner racers each carried a 12 pound pack. Other entries travelled "light" without a pack.

The 'Birke' racers included 48 men and 8 women. Of these, 15 men and 5 women were under 20 years of age; 22 men and 2 women to 30 years of age; 8 men and 1 woman to 40; 2 men to 50 years and 1 man over 60 years. The oldest man in the 'Birke' was Dr. Frank Hayley of Edmonton, 61 years young.

Racers not carrying packs (light) included 84 men and 27 women. In this group, 19 men and 7 women were under the age of 20; 44 men and 14 women to 30; 12 men and 4 women to 40; 7 men and 2 women to 50 and 2 men to 60. June Seidel was the oldest lady, 59 years young. Entries for this race came from as far as Vancouver (Bill Hoyne), Jasper, Banff, Calgary, Hinton, Stettler, Crownsnest Pass and Grande Prairie.

Four trophies were presented Saturday evening at a banquet at Northlands' Silver Slipper, where Kaare Askildt was master-of-

ceremonies. Ski Race Winners are as follows:

Birkebeiner Men's Trophy

- Tim Bushell finishing 2:34:43.

Ladies' Trophy

- Susan Stewart timed at 4:04:39

Men's Light Trophy

- Greg Inkster crossing in 2:12:30

Ladies' Light Trophy

- Pam Bryan finishing in 2:54:40

Men's Light

- second place - Joseph Mark
- third place - Mike Johnson

Women's Light

- second place - Jan Robinson
- third place - Carol Hunter

All first year entries finishing the race were presented bronze medals and second year finishers were given pins. Second place winners were

finish the race, as he was to see that all entries were taken care of through the race. Of the 167 entries, 165 finished the race. All praised the course as they towelled off. They were treated to warm tea, sandwiches and dry clothes at Eggie's Barn at the Fort. This completed another successful "Canadian Birkebeiner" Race. Until next year...



Start of the 'Birkebeiner'

Men's Birke

- second place - Mike Meinig
- third place - Joe Henauf

Women's Birke

- second place - July Grett
- third place - Cleo Nickerson

presented with plaques. The "Sweeper Award" was presented to Brian Peters, President of the Birkebeiner. He was the organizer and the hardest worker of the group. It took him seven hours to

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In error, Edmonton was presented with the Fabulous Fourth Sports Weekend trophy (donated by Solglyt Lodge, 1983). This has been corrected and the trophy will go to the Aspelund Lodge, Red Deer. This award goes to the Lodge who has the highest percentage of membership present.

Several items donated by members of Northern Lights Lodge were also raffled. A large doiley was won by Marie Vabi; bird-feeder went to Solveig Nordhagen; chip-carving plaque to Ross Anderson; Norwegian sweater and toque to Doreen Anderson; a stabbur and deer wallhanging went to two other lucky people whose names I could not obtain.

It was announced that OLDS, ALBERTA will be the scene of the Sons of Norway Winter Games, 1987.

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- Orange peel from 1/2 of an orange
- Cardamom seeds from 2 cardamom pods
- One piece of candied ginger
- 250 grams of sugar

Use an appropriate size of pot that will handle all the ingredients. Empty the red wine, brandy and sherry into the pot. Put the cloves, cinnamon sticks, cardamom seeds, orange peel and candied ginger into a piece of cheesecloth and put into the pot. Add the raisins. Heat until just below boiling point. Add the sugar stirring slowly. Put the lid on, turn the heat down and let the mixture simmer for an hour. Taste frequently. If a bitter taste remains, add a little more sugar. Remove the cheesecloth and spices. The raisins can be eaten on the spot, served with the gløgg or saved for future use.

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Vasa Lodge Skandia

By Helen McEvoy

Retired ambassador, Per Unger, who was in Edmonton in January to commemorate the 41st anniversary of the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, held a press conference on January 16th. He was honoured by Skandia at a reception on January 17th at the Christian Education Centre, and he and Mayor Decore planted an oak tree at Muttart Conservatory.

Among members who enjoyed a winter holiday in Hawaii this year were Matt and Leonard Eliasson in mid-February, Lori and Hank Berkenbosch in late February, and Bert and Vi Watson in March. Linda and Paul Krauskopf were also in Hawaii for the last two weeks in January.

Gertie Dunbury, accompanied by her friend, Jean Toane of Gibbons, chose the fairly new resort of Peurto Plata in the Dominican Republic for her holiday. Leaving Edmonton on January 2nd, they spent three days in

Toronto with Jean's son before flying on. Gertie reports that they enjoyed beautiful weather and extremely nice people.

Evelyn Johnson spent the better part of winter visiting in the United States. Leaving here in mid-December, she spent an extended Christmas holiday with her daughter in New Mexico. Arizona and Palm Springs were also on her itinerary.

Ed and Beulah Hinton spent a month, over the Christmas season, visiting with relatives in Sundsvall in North Sweden. They also visited with some second cousins in Lingham in Southern Sweden on their way home.

Sympathy goes out to Harold Lundgren on the loss of his father, Valfred. Mr. Lundgren Sr. was 95 at the time

of his death and, of the 9 children, 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren surviving, all but three were able to attend his funeral.

Shortly afterwards, on a happier note, Harold was in a group of 39 C.N.R. retirees honoured at a banquet attended by 470 people. Harold had been with CN for forty years.

Reverend Norman Petterson and his wife, Anne, have been on furlough from Bridgetown, Barbados visiting with Reverend Petterson's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Art Petterson. The Reverend, who has four churches in Barbados, took the service at Kirk United Church on January 19th after which he gave a special presentation of slides and artifacts from his region. Reverend Petterson is the son of Ed and Virginia Petterson.

Karen Eliasson spent her 18th birthday visiting with Margaret and Bert Lundgren at New Westminster. Her flight was a gift from grandmother Margaret for this special birthday.

Bert and Vi Watson had their daughter, Allison Kumas, visiting from St. John's, Newfoundland in mid-February, while Allison's husband was on a "working holiday" in Calgary. This was a late Christmas visit, as Allison and Harold spent the Christmas holidays in Jamaica with Leslie and David Morris.

Joanne Sorenson travelled to Vancouver to spend Christmas with friends and followed up with a ten-day holiday to California, including Disneyland.

Meanwhile, father Nels has been breaking up his winter in a different direction, travelling to and from Grande Prairie, where he is building a school. Lorne Fawcett is also employed on this project.

Don Samuelson is another member who has spent most of the winter working in Grande Prairie, where Marj visited for a few days early in February. Other than this short break, Marj has been preparing to vacate their house in Leduc, which they recently sold. As of March 1st, Don and Marj will be full-time residents of Vasa Park, joining Virgie and Milton Fawcett, and Keith Lindberg, who made the move last fall.

Sonja Sund and Gail Sullivan spent an extended weekend in February visiting Sonja's daughter, Jeannine and husband Brian Newman in Detroit. Also in February, Sandra Winquist travelled to Montreal for a ten-day visit with brother, Todd.

At the January meeting, Joan Petersson brought greetings from daughter, Sandra, who is taking her third year of university in Linköping, Sweden. Sandra spent Christmas with Joan and Lennart in the Canary Islands.

A workshop sponsored by District 18 will be held at Vasa Park during the May long weekend. Among other things, Lodge officers and future Lodge officers will learn the duties connected with the running of meetings. These meetings will be open to any member who may be interested in becoming an officer in the future, not just the present officers. Among the social functions is a potluck supper, scheduled for 5:30 on Saturday, May 24th, followed by a dance.

Members of Skandia were invited to serve coffee at the Court of Canadian Citizenship on Monday, February 10th. Those taking part were Rosalyn Johnson, Alice Sorenson, Linnea Lodge, Vi Watson and Leona Anderson.

Tom Pearson made a flying trip out to check on his dad, Oscar's, health at the end of January. Although still in hospital, Oscar appeared to be on the mend, so Tom flew home to pick up wife, Connie, for a four-day ski trip to Banff. They were joined by Sandra and Glen Harrison and Connie's sister and husband, Dianne and Dale Gillespie.

Jean and Ted Derpack and sons, Stephen and Jason, spent the Valentine weekend at Jasper skiing. Other members enjoying a short ski holiday were Andy McEvoy at Sunshine, and Erling Winquist at Lake Tahoe.

The District 18 Curling and Bowling takes place at Camrose this year on Saturday, March 22nd, with the curling taking place at New Norway.

Helga Johnson spent some time with Winnie and Oscar Pearson at the end of February. Oscar arrived home from hospital at about the same time, and, at last report, was doing well.

It was nice to see Grant and Corrine Johnson down from Fort McMurray for Valentines weekend with young son, Jordan.

Skandia members take note that the regular lodge meeting for May will be in the city this year, not at Vasa Park as in the past few years.

Valhalla Scandinavian Folk Dancers

The VALHALLA SCANDINAVIAN FOLK DANCERS have completed their first year and are going stronger than ever. On December 11, 1985, a new executive was chosen, including Brett Nash as president and Stan Johnson as secretary-treasurer.

On December 8, 1985, fourteen dancers took part in a folkdance demonstration as part of the Scandinavian activities at the Provincial Museum, and on December 14, the group participated in the "Christmas Around the World Festival" at MacKay House. Several of our members also performed at the Dania Club New Year's party on January 4. The dance group will be performing at the Westin Hotel February 15 at 4 p.m. as part of Edmonton Winter Festival. Many members will be travelling to Calgary to attend a folkdance workshop the weekend of March 1 and 2, instructed by Mrs. Inge Petersen from Denmark.

The folkdancers still meet Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 at MacKay House, and anyone interested in joining is invited to phone Stan Johnson at 483-8232, or Kris Nyhus at 487-1450. Present attendance is running from 15 to 20, and represents a variety of ages and most of the Scandinavian groups.



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Torske Klubben

Torske members
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Finnish Footnotes

By Bob Burt

On February 4th, 60 dedicated members of Solglyt Torske Klubben met at the Saxony Motor Inn to enjoy supper, to gather with friends, and to learn from the guest speaker.

As Kare Hellum was absent, the Boss position was taken by Doug Peterson. Grace was said by August Stolee prior to partaking of that enjoyable COD and vegetables. The frosty bottle on each table diminished gradually as the many toasts were proposed. Akvavit, the liquor of the gods, the Fire Water of the Norsemen, was ever present.

Following the meal, discussions began and reports were given by the Treasurer, the S/N President, the Sports Officer, and others commenting on the Language Camp and Casino results. There was talk on the S/N part in the Birkebeiner Race and the money made in the Casino, (over \$26,000.00).

Kris Nyhus spoke of Lodge programs coming up, (sleigh ride), entertainment by Folk Dancers, and invitations for Norwegian exchange students to the Edmonton area. There was talk of a joint meeting of the Calgary Torske and the Edmonton members at Blackfalds, April 12th, but more will have to go into the organization of such a meeting if it is to be as successful as last year's effort.

Language Camp this year will be held August 17th to 23rd. The Silver Broom, S/N Curling challenge was scheduled for March 1st, and the Winter Games were held this year at Grande Prairie. The 4th District Convention at Fargo was touched on, but left to the Sons of Norway members to discuss.

Verner Steinbru introduced the guest speaker for the evening, John Hault, Director of the Edmonton Space Science Centre.

Mr. Hault was born and raised in Halifax, received his first Degrees

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By Anja Sahuri

The annual skiing competition was supposed to be held on February 16th, but extreme cold weather forced us to postpone the event to February 23rd. The weather on that day was ideal for skiing and about 30 people showed up for this winter's competition, although many were spectators only.

Results are as follows:

Ladies: 1st. Sirkka Wahlberg
2nd. Ritva Haikarainen

Men: 1st. Dick Sahuri
2nd. Lauri Wahlberg

Sr. Men: 1st. Aarre Wahlberg
2nd. Pentti Sipari
3rd. Urho Leino

Children: 1st. Peter Viinikka
2nd. Chris Viinikka
3rd. Saska Vanhala
4th. Kari Karsten

Congratulations to all winners!

The One For The Road Dance was a success; many people came to support the road-building fund. Food and all the cakes were really delicious, coffee and pulla tasted very good, although we ran out of coffee. Dance music was really enjoyable and the floor seemed to be full of dancers all the time. Thank you to all who came to support this worthy cause.



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Norwegian Consul Recipient of an Alberta Achievement Award

Arne Johannessen - Edmonton

Subsequent to serving as a member of the Edmonton Citizenship Council in the early 1950's, Arne Johannessen was, in 1961, appointed Honorary Norwegian consul for Edmonton and District. A Board Member of the Scandinavian Centre from 1954 to 1956, Mr. Johannessen later became one of the founders of the Scandinavian Businessmen's Club where he currently continues to serve as a Board Member. For the past fifteen years, Arne Johannessen has done an excellent job of hosting the Norwegian portion of the Scandinavian program on a local radio station. As Norwegian Consul, he has diligently promoted his heritage and culture, and, for his dedication, Mr. Johannessen was recognized by the King of Norway with that country's prized St. Olav's medal.

Swedish Consul Recipient of an Alberta Achievement Award

Lars Fahlstrom - Edmonton

Lars Fahlstrom was appointed Honorary Consul of Sweden in 1978 and since that time he has performed his duties without remuneration, in a most exemplary manner. Mr. Fahlstrom has also ventured out into the community as a volunteer; assisting recreational groups, his ethnic community and society in general. Acting as a liaison in establishing numerous cultural and



Arne Johannessen

recreational exchange programs between Sweden and Canada, he then hosts the visitors upon their arrival. From 1969 to 1979 Mr. Fahlstrom served as Swedish Ombudsman for the three prairie provinces. His involvement in the ethnic community

includes membership in the Scandinavian Businessmen's Club, the North Star Swedish Club, the Nordic Society and, most recently, the Vasa Order of America. Chairman of the Custom Broker's Association of Alberta, Mr. Fahlstrom is credited with the recent success of an Alberta promotion which was attended by more than 500 delegates from across Canada. Sponsor of the Consular Ball for the past five years, Mr. Fahlstrom also spends much time working with the ill, needy, elderly and lonely. On Christmas Eve, those without family in the city are invited to the Fahlstrom home and also during the holiday season, one may find Lars Fahlstrom working as a volunteer at the Boyle Street Christmas Dinner. Lars Fahlstrom's enthusiasm and ability to give of himself serves as an outstanding example to all.

St. Olav's Medal

At a ceremony in Calgary, Mr. J. Edward (Ed) Ness was awarded the St. Olavs Medal for his exceptional services in spreading knowledge about Norway overseas and for his contributions to hereditary links between Norway and Canada.

The decoration was conferred upon Mr. Ness by Norway's Honorary Consul in Calgary, Mr. Jan-Erik Hagen. Among others present at the ceremony were a number of representatives from the Norwegian group and other friends of the recipient.

The St. Olavs Medal, instituted by the late King Haakon VII of Norway in 1939 has previously been awarded to two other Calgaryans, Mrs. Doris Davey (1975) and Mrs. Lillian Ofstad (1983).

Ed Ness has been actively involved with the Sons of Norway organization in North America. He was a member of the International Board of Directors and a President of the Sons of Norway Foundation. Mr. Ness has worked with agricultural developments in Alberta since 1940 and has held various offices with the Alberta Wheat Pool, the United Farmers of Alberta, the 4-H club program and the Rural Education and Development Association. Ed Ness was elected to the 4-H Hall of Fame in 1984. Mr. Ness' parents came to Canada in 1906 and homesteaded at Carmangay, Alberta. Ed Ness has continuously upheld and projected the very finest of the Norwegian heritage.

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one must issue a minimum of 100 new lives in a calendar year. Anderson exceeded that by 73.

Sons of Norway commends Anderson for his accomplishments in 1985.

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Kyndelsmesse

On the Norwegian calendar stick, February 2 is noted as the day of *Kyndelsmesse* (Candlemas), the consecration of the church candles. Several regions had weather predictions about this day, much like the American Ground Hog's Day.

"Good weather on this day is a good sign." (Southern Norway)
"Good weather on this day is a bad sign." (Nord-Trondelag and further north)
"Kyndelsmess dry equals ten loads of hay." (West Norway)
"Kyndelsmess dry means frozen grain and rotten hay." (Several places)

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Copenhagen, the year is 1845; a heavily-laden stagecoach rumbles out of the city through the West Gate. Among its passengers is a young brewer by the name of *Jacob Christian Jacobsen*, starting out on what in those days was considered an interminable journey. His goal is distant Munich, where he intends to seek out his old workmaster, Brewer *Gabriel Sedlmayr*, at the *Zum Spaten Brewery*...

But let us just take a quick look at the times leading up to young Jacob's journey.

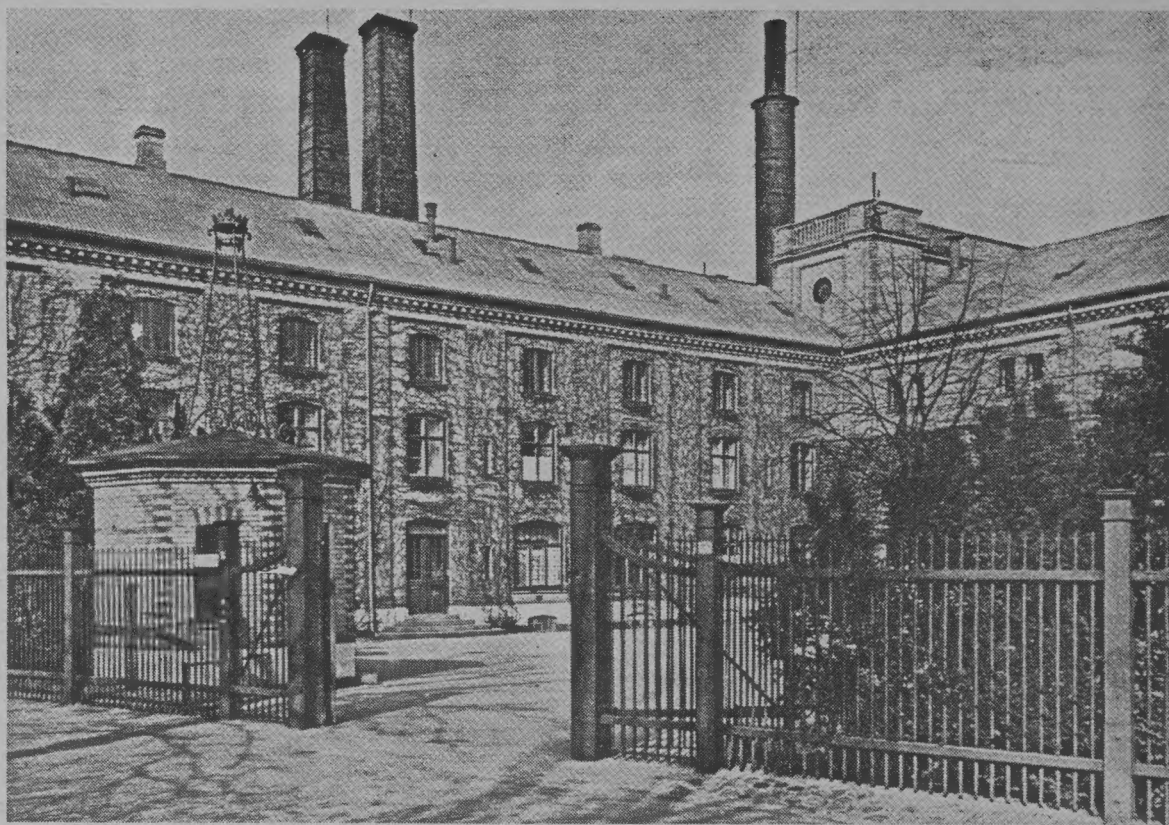
Born on September 2nd, 1811, J.C. Jacobsen was the son of Brewer *Christian Jacobsen*, who as a young man had left his parents' farm in Jutland to carve a new life for himself in Copenhagen. Within a few years, this enterprising and purposeful man had made good and owned his own brewery in *Brolæggerstræde*, operating it with great skill and insight. It is interesting to note that he was one of the first Danish brewers to use a thermometer instead of simply digging his elbow into the beer, as was the habit of his contemporaries.

It was here in *Brolæggerstræde* that the son Jacob Christian was born and grew to manhood. As the years went by, he developed into a skilful brewer and a man with wide intellectual horizons. Concurrently with his practical work in the brewery, he attended the lectures of H.C. Ørsted at the Technical College of Denmark. These contributed in no small degree to giving him an understanding of the essence and practical significance of science — an understanding which

was later to manifest itself to an enormous degree. When his father died in 1835, it was only natural for J.C. Jacobsen to take over and run the brewery for his mother. Forward-looking as he was, it was only natural for him to be on the look-out for new methods of improving the beer of his times — top-fermented and generally of poor quality.

He undertook a number of study tours in Germany, one trip in 1838 being to Munich where he studied beer brewing with *Gabriel Sedlmayr* at *Zum Spaten*. On his return home he utilized the fruits of his experiences in experiments made in his mother's wash-copper (to be seen to this day at the Carlsberg Museum), and eventually succeeded in producing a drinkable Danish lager-type beer. However, he soon realized that in order to obtain a completely satisfactory product, it would be necessary for him to work with the original Bavarian beer-yeast. Hence his return journey to the Bavarian capital in 1845.

He managed to secure two pots of yeast from Brewer *Sedlmayr*, and only with great difficulty was he able to get them safely home. At every single resting place along the long road from Munich to Copenhagen, he had to get out of the coach and pump water on the yeast to cool and keep it alive.



Gamle Carlsberg's earliest entrance from Gl. Carlsberg Vej. A part of the Gamle Carlsberg buildings has been converted into employees' apartments.

On returning home from Munich he embarked upon the rational brewing of lager beer. The previous year Jacobsen had been granted a royal license to establish a storage cellar in Copenhagen's ramparts, and in 1846 the local retailers were able to advertise "the first lager beer from Mr. Jacobsen's vault under the ramparts."

Jacobsen had long dreamed of being able to set up a brewing concern on a large scale, and with a sum of money inherited upon the death of his mother he bought a piece of land in the Copenhagen suburb of Valby.



Laura Jacobsen, the wife of J.C. Jacobsen. (Reproduced from a painting by Aug. A. Jerndorff).

Here, Denmark's first railway line was being laid between Copenhagen and Roskilde, and the water conditions were particularly favourable for his purpose. It was here that he established his brewery *Carlsberg* — named after his infant son *Carl*. Brew No. 1 was started on *November 10th, 1847*, and it marked the beginning of a new epoch within Danish trade life; the brewer's craft had become an industry.

The last thing J. C. Jacobsen ever dreamed was that the brewing industry would pass through such a tremendous phase of development that it has. He was of the opinion that quality would suffer if his concern grew too large — a fear which was later to prove groundless. The daily production capacity at Carlsberg has now grown to five times that of the entire output of its first year — 3,500 hectolitres.

In recognition of the practical importance of science, J. C. Jacobsen established the *Carlsberg Laboratory* in 1875, its chemical department being placed under the leadership of *Professor J. Kjeldahl*. Since then, this in-

stitute of research has been the birthplace of many important works and inventions. Among them are the *Kjeldahl* method for the determination of nitrogen and — not least — the method of the physiologist, *Professor Emil Chr. Hansen*, for the pure-cultivation of yeast. Later came *Professor S. P. L. Sorensen's* concept of the hydrogen-ion concentration and his protein experiments. Other important works which should be mentioned are the studies of *Professor Ojvind Winge* into the genetics of yeast, and *Professor K. Linderstrom-Lang's* histo- and enzymo-chemical protein research. When framing the statutes of the Laboratory, Jacobsen maintained that "no result of the activities of the institute, whether of a theoretical or a practical nature, shall be kept secret."

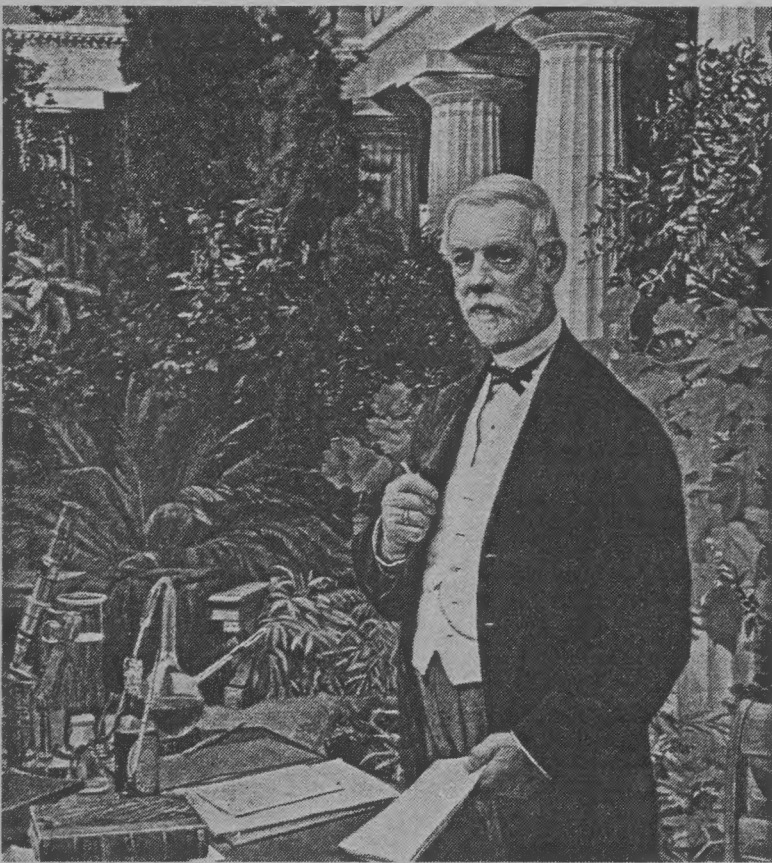
Jacobsen also sought to repay the debt he felt he owed to science by establishing the *Carlsberg Foundation* on *September 25th, 1876*. This Foundation, which in 1888 after Jacobsen's death and in accordance with the terms of his last testament assumed control of the Carlsberg Brewery as proprietor, consisted of three departments: the Carlsberg Laboratory, Science in general (including the Carlsberg Foundation's Institute of Biology), and the Museum of National History at Frederiksborg Castle.

The Foundation is managed by five scientists, chosen by and from the members of the Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

The reciprocal action between industry and science which is so manifest in the activities of the Carlsberg institution, must surely be unique throughout the world. This interaction is certainly fruitful to both, and thereby to the community at large. In brief: *Science cannot do*

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The old brewery at No. 5 Brolæggerstræde where J.C. Jacobsen was born in 1811. Today, it is owned by the Ny Carlsberg Foundation and remains as a fine reminder of Old Copenhagen.



Brewer J.C. Jacobsen, Ph. D., Carlsberg's founder. (Reproduced from a painting by Aug. A. Jerndorff).

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without Carlsberg, nor Carlsberg without science.

Another expression of Jacobsen's social-mindedness is to be seen in his testamentary disposition, his beautiful mansion in the Carlsberg

grounds - where he had lived with his wife *Laura Jacobsen* - should for all time be used as a residence of honour for a man or woman deserving well of society. Since 1914, it has been the home in turn of Professor *Harald Hoffding* the philosopher, Professor *Niels Bohr* of nuclear research fame, Professor *Johannes Brondsted* the archaeologist and Professor *Bengt Stromgren* the astronomer.

J. C. Jacobsen - or "the Captain"

as he was often called, being an officer in the Civil Guard - remained faithful through the years to his youthful ideals. He sought constantly to train his mind and augment his knowledge, among other things through his many travels abroad, often accompanied by his son Carl.

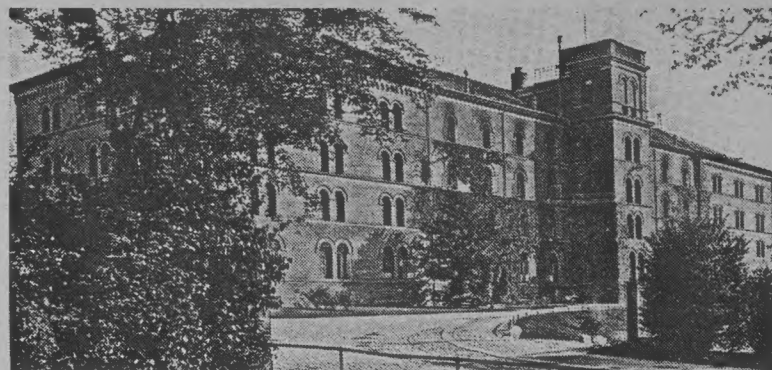
It was on one such journeys that J. C. Jacobsen died. A full life had drawn to a close - a great son of Denmark had passed away.

Carl Jacobsen was born on March 2nd, 1842. His father let him have the best possible theoretical and practical education, partly through the Technical University of Denmark, and partly at a number of foreign breweries including establishments in Great Britain, Germany and France.

When Carl, thoroughly trained, returned from his travels abroad, a completely new brewery stood ready. He rented this from his father in 1871. It was given the name of "New Carlsberg" (the present "Middle Brewery"). Here J.C. Jacobsen had expected that part of the production would consist of English types of beers. However, it quickly became apparent that there was not a big enough market for these top-fermented beers in Denmark; the only one to survive until our times is "Gl. Carlsberg Porter", while the Bavarian type - the lager - was a great success.

Carl Jacobsen wanted to extend the brewery, but his father was against this which led to disagreements between the two. After some years this led to the tenancy being terminated, whereupon Carl Jacobsen set up his own brewery, "Ny Carlsberg". This was situated right alongside "Gamle Carlsberg" (Old Carlsberg), the name by which his father's concern then came to be known, and for some years to follow they competed against each other - at times very sharply.

However, it was not merely in his skill as a brewer that Carl Jacobsen took after his father, he also inherited the same intellectual interests. He

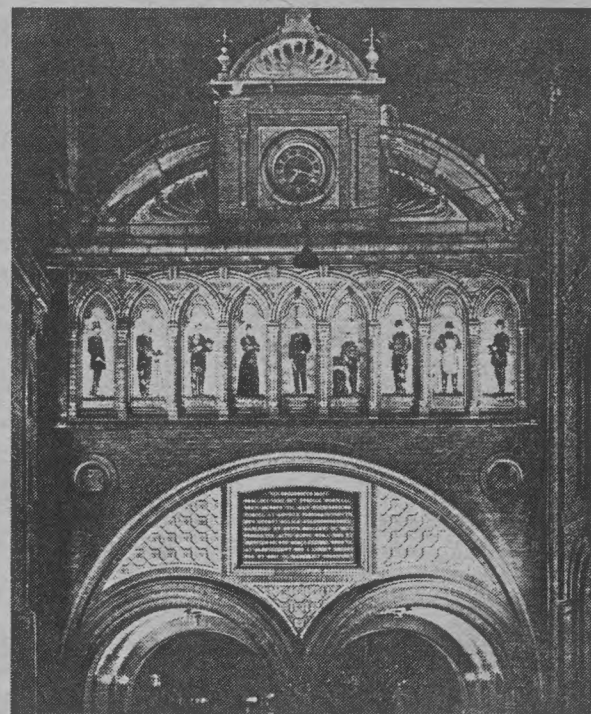


Carl Jacobsen's first "Ny Carlsberg", later known as "The Middle Brewery".

saw his big task as sharing his love of art with the greatest number of people possible, by introducing art into everyday life - even into work itself. This can be seen when one considers the construction of Ny Carlsberg. His efforts to combine the practical with the beautiful are apparent wherever one

looks, with columns and ornamental work characterizing many of the technical buildings. The Elephant Gate, The Brewhouse and The Double Gate are some of the constructions where artistic decoration is particularly prominent.

The Dinvlon (The Double Gate).



J.C. Jacobsen's villa, now Mansion of Honour.

J.C. Jacobsen's study, reconstructed at the Carlsberg Museum.



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But it was not just within the walls of New Carlsberg that Carl Jacobsen strived to disseminate the Arts. His efforts have left their mark on the whole of Copenhagen. In 1879 he set up the *Albertina Fund*, the income from which is used to pay for the ornamentation of Copenhagen's public squares and gardens. Chapu's *Jeanne d'Arc*, Bissen's *Tubalkain* and Sinding's *Valkyrie* are just a few of the donations made to the city through his fund. Edvard Eriksen's "The Little Mermaid," the now world famous statue so beautifully situated on Langelinie, Copenhagen's harbour promenade, was presented personally by Carl Jacobsen to his native city.

It was Carl Jacobsen who gave Copenhagen the name of "*The City of The Beautiful Towers*", contributing to no small degree in making it worthy of this designation by erecting the monumental spire of the St. Nicholas Church and building the Jesus Church, the slender campanile of which forms the west flank of the city's towered silhouette.



The Jesus Church, sponsored by Carl Jacobsen. Designed by the architect, Professor Vilh. Dahlerup.

But his greatest contribution to art, made in 1902, was in presenting his brewery, Ny Carlsberg, to the Carlsberg Foundation. He made this bequest on the condition that the income from the brewery, should henceforth form the basis of the Ny Carlsberg Foundation, which he established at the same time. This foundation works for the furtherance of art, inter alia through the maintenance of the *Ny Carlsberg Glyptothek* - also founded by Carl Jacobsen - which with its collections of old and modern paintings, together with its sculptures and archaeological treasures, stands as one of the world's finest museums of its kind. The Ny Carlsberg Foundation also lends considerable support to the Arts by its frequent purchases of Danish works of art for distribution among Danish provincial galleries and, following the example set by Carl Jacobsen himself, in commissioning works of art for public squares, sports grounds and schools throughout the country - in fact, in all places frequented by the public.

In 1906, Gamle and Ny Carlsberg were amalgamated under the name "*The Carlsberg Breweries*". This meant that the profits from this great enterprise were secured for cultural purposes for all time.

The first director of The Carlsberg Breweries was Carl Jacobsen, a position he held until his death on January 11th, 1914.

It will be appreciated that the area of activity of the Carlsberg institution is very extensive, and in 1938 it was widened even further when, on the 50th anniversary of the day that the Foundation assumed control of Gamle Carlsberg, the directors established the *Carlsberg Bequest to the Memory of Brewer J. C. Jacobsen*. The object of the Trust is "to operate in support of socially beneficial aims within the sphere of practical life".

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For almost 40 years The Danish Cultural Institute has been organizing Summer Schools including hundreds of Seminars and Educational Courses on a bilateral or a multinational basis. The aim of these courses is to give people from abroad an insight into special subjects through lectures, study visits, and discussions, and to discuss their field of interest in an international setting.

The Danish Cultural Institute has a number of institutes abroad, in Benelux (Brussels), France (Rouen), Great Britain (Edinburgh), Italy (Milan), West Germany (Dortmund), and Austria (Salzburg). In collaboration with the Copenhagen Head Office the representatives abroad arrange Study Tours to and from Denmark for specialized groups or individuals in accordance with their own wishes.

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Environment and Nature Conservation

May 12-17, 1986

Protection of the environment and nature has in recent years played an important role in the public debate in Denmark. For instance, Denmark is one of the few countries in Europe, whose Parliament has decided not to introduce nuclear energy.

This seminar intends to throw a light on the Danish legislation with regards to environment and nature conservation. An important theme also to be focused on will be the relationship between central government, county councils, and municipal authorities in relation to enacting of



the laws. Another item will be the importance of environmental pressure groups.

The seminar will take place in Copenhagen and Jutland. There will be excursions in order to highlight subjects of topical interest in the Danish debate.

Place and accommodation:
Copenhagen, Jutland - Hotel.

Price: Dkr. 4,250.-
Application not later than March 24, 1986.



Danish Adult Education

May 20-29, 1986

Denmark has a long tradition in education for adults. The first legislation in the field dates from 1814. Individual enrichment and the needs of society are factors which have interacted in a fruitful way. Danish adult education is known to have had an impact on the social, economic, political, cultural and educational development of the Danish society.

Using adult education in Denmark as background, the aim of the course is

- to deepen the understanding of the concept of adult education, its aim, philosophy, and political feasibility, and its role in a socio-economic and cultural development (an agent for change).
- to exchange views, experiences and ideas in an international setting.

Main topics of the seminar:

- Danish adult education: its historical and social background; its philosophy and its present structure and situation; the educational system; folk high schools and educational associations; methods and aims; lifelong learning.

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Place and accomodation:
Askov Højskole, one of the oldest and most respected folk high schools in Denmark (long-term residential college for adults), situated in South Jutland.

Price: Dkr. 2,600.-.
Application not later than April 2, 1986.

In the Footsteps of Andersen
June 21-29, 1986

Hans Christian Andersen, the famous Danish writer of fairy tales, spent a great part of his life travelling. He visited most European countries, but he also travelled widely in Denmark where he stayed in the country houses of his aristocratic and rich patrons.

The purpose of this holiday course is to follow in his footsteps by visits to manor houses on the islands of Funen and Zealand. One of the central points will be a stay at the town of Odense, the capital of Funen; where Andersen was born in poverty, but achieved the good fortune of having the town illuminated in his honour when he was 70.

The course will end in Copenhagen where visits will be made to Andersen's haunts.

Apart from these visits the course will comprise lectures on Andersen and his time in order to focus on his importance as a writer, and throw a light on his relationship with men of letters and philosophers of his age.

Participants in this course will travel through some of the most beautiful parts of Denmark.

Place and accomodation:
Svendborg, Odense, Copenhagen - Hotel.

Price: Dkr. 5,000.-.
Application not later than May 2, 1986

Meeting Denmark
July 20 - August 1, 1986

This course will carry the stamp of the famous Danish folk high school

tradition, stressing discussions based on brief lectures and encouraging the active participation of all participants in throwing light on the topics under discussion.

The course is open to everyone with an interest in Denmark and Danish life who is prepared, together with others, to make an active effort to get to know Danish society under the surface of tourism.

The course may be based on suggestions from the participants - but the following themes are planned:

- Danish history and foreign relations
- Danish agriculture and industry, the educational system, the governmental system, Danish literature, art and design, religious life.

There will be excursions to the H.C. Andersen museum and the Carl Nielsen museum in Odense, as well as a boat trip to the island of AERø and a visit to the west coast of Jutland.

Place and accomodation:
IUC, Svendborg, a newly opened international residential education centre.

Price: From Dkr. 3,200.-.
Application not later than May 30, 1986.

The Danish Church in Past and Present
August 8-17, 1986

Since the Viking age the Danish people and the Danish church have been bound together by unbreakable ties. The many old and modern churches are a natural part of the Danish landscape, and in the 1000 years the Danish church has existed the interiors of the churches have always been ornamented by the best Danish artists.

As an organization the Danish church, *Folkekirken*, has closer links with state and society than most other churches in the world, although, at the same time, it has an almost total freedom of organisation and religious conscience.

The main themes of the course:
- Art and architecture of the Danish church from the early Middle Ages until today.
- Danish church life in past and present.

The course will take the form of a travel through Denmark with visits to historical and modern churches and to church institutions. The course starts at *Logumkloster*, an old convent town with various modern church institutions in South Jutland, and ends in North Zealand and Copenhagen.

Place and accomodation:
Logumkloster, Viborg, Odense, and Copenhagen. Folk high school and hotel.

Price: Dkr. 4,900.-.
Application not later than June 13, 1986.

Greenland
August 11-31, 1986

This course will deal with Greenland's history, geography, people and political life.

It starts at a folk school in Denmark and continues by plane, helicopter and coast-boat in Greenland. The course ends in Copenhagen.

Accommodation: Folk high school, hotel.

Price: Dkr. 13,500.-.
An early reaction is necessary. Application not later than May 9, 1986.

Design in Scandinavia
August 24 - September 6, 1986

This seminar offers access to the sources of "Scandinavian Modern" and is especially addressed to educators from studies dealing with the history of modern design and to professionals in the field of arts and crafts, design and architecture.

It takes place on a tour of Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark. It starts after the summer holidays

when the weather is usually fine. Modern ferry-liners, trains and buses will integrate the aspect of public transportation, and the range of visits will include industries, workshops and studios, museums, exhibitions, design-centres and showrooms presenting contemporary works from all over Scandinavia.

The seminar allows for meetings with leading personalities and the organisations, as well as for discussions and for comparative studies.

Place and accomodation:
Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo, Trondhjem and Copenhagen - hotels.

Price: Dkr. 10,400.-.
Application not later than July 4, 1986.

Primary and Special education
October 6-16, 1986

The primary and lower secondary school in Denmark, the *Folkeskole*, has a long and strong tradition.

This tradition is the basis for the constant renewal that takes place as a natural consequence of an outspoken decentralization, both in guidance and management.

Principal subjects of the seminar will be:
- Decentralization and the municipal school system.

- Special education and integration.
Through lectures, discussions and visits to schools in small communities and in major towns in Denmark, including schools for mentally retarded children, schools with integrated classes for handicapped children, and teacher-training colleges, participants will have the opportunity to acquire an insight into major trends, problems and proposed solutions in the Danish educational system.

Place and accomodation:
Århus and Copenhagen - folk high school and hotel.

Price: Dkr. 5,700.-.
Application not later than August 18, 1986.

GENERAL INFORMATION
All courses in this programme are conducted in English, but The Danish Cultural Institute also offers course in other languages.

The prices quoted include accommodation, meals, tickets and travel in Scandinavia, if not otherwise stated.

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Danes Approve EC Reforms In National Referendum

In a national referendum on 27 February, Danish voters went to the polls and approved a package of European community reforms. The positive result allowed the Danish minority government to sign the following day an international document revising the EC's founding treaty.

The final results showed 56.2% of Danish voters in the referendum voted "yes" to the reforms, while 43.8% voted "no". The turn-out for the referendum was 75% and thus up 5% in comparison to the 1985 municipal elections.

Conservative Prime Minister Poul Schulter praised the outcome, stating on television, "It is a clear-cut decision by the Danish people. The most important thing now is to get back to work to improve Danish relations with Europe and resume positive co-operation with our EC partners."

While the referendum did not pertain to EC membership per se, the large proportion of "no" ballots represented the biggest anti-Common Market vote since Denmark joined the EC in 1973, prior to which, 63.3% of the electorate had approved Danish entry.

The referendum was called by Prime Minister Schluter's minority government, after the Social Democrats lined up with other opposition parties to block passage in Parliament of the so-called EC-Package.

The Social Democrats, who originally brought Denmark into the EC, but led the campaign against the reforms, apparently assumed that the minority government would be forced to call an early general election after the defeat in Parliament.

The view of the four-party coalition was that the parliamentary vote endangered Denmark's membership in the Community, and that this should be put to the people. The result of the referendum was not legally binding on Parliament, but the Social Democrats had agreed to abide by the result, after they were allowed to assist in formulating the referendum question.

The EC-Package of reforms had been agreed to by all EC Member States at the European council meeting in Luxembourg at the beginning of December 1985. The host of reforms could not, however, become legally binding until all 12 Member States had ratified them. In the case of Denmark, the Package would have to be approved by the Danish Parliament's Market Committee.

The Danish Social Democrats opposed the EC-Package as they claimed the changes to the Common Market Treaty would threaten Denmark's sovereignty, particularly the powers of the Danish Parliament. They held that the Package was a step towards European political union, which would erode the veto rights of small countries. The Social Democrats were also opposed to giving more power to the European Parliament, largely a consultative body. As well, the Social Democrats feared that Danish environmental standards would be endangered for the sake of greater trade and profits. At the same time, the Social Democrats maintained that a "no" to the Package was not a "no" to EC membership.

The Danish government, on the other hand, emphasized that a rejection of the EC-Package would bring

the threat of mass unemployment and a loss of export markets, because a "no" vote would mark Denmark's first step out of the Community.

The coalition government maintained that the introduction of majority voting on internal-market issues would be beneficial to Denmark, which is highly dependent on exports. It would simply mean completing the customs union and creating a truly common market. The Danish government also contended that the formalising by treaty of foreign policy co-operation would have little practical effect.

Although the "no" vote was large enough to save the Social Democrats from complete humiliation, the result was nonetheless an embarrassing defeat for Denmark's largest political party.

Many political observers noted that the Social Democrats, who have been in opposition since 1982, had thought that by blocking the EC-Package in Parliament, they could have forced a general election. However, they were out-manoeuvred by the government, who appealed directly to the people by calling the referendum. As well, the Government stated that it would not resign if it lost the referendum.

According to Danish public opinion polls, support for the Social Democrats has been declining, from about 42% in the early 1960's, down to about 32% in 1984, and recently down to below 30% of the electorate. It appears that many Social Democrats, as well as the younger generation of left-wing supporters, would now vote for the neutralist Socialist People's Party or other left-wing parties.

This challenge from the left has pushed the Social Democrats into distancing themselves from NATO's nuclear strategy and, more recently, into opposing the EC reforms.

In this way the adoption of the EC-Package became a domestic issue in Denmark. Moreover, the issue clearly revealed the power struggle which is going on within the Social Democrat Party. In other words, the issues in the referendum campaign dealt not only with the specific EC reforms, and the further development of the European Community, as should have been the case. Instead, the issue became very much embroiled in domestic Danish policies.

The EC-Package agreed to unanimously in Luxembourg, represented the lowest common denominator among the Twelve.

Most of the other 11 Member States had wanted to go further, but bent over backwards to accommodate Denmark. Since the Package involved amendments to the founding Treaty of Rome, the decision had to be unanimous.

Politicians throughout Europe, who were not endeared by the development of events in Copenhagen, stated that Denmark should not be allowed to delay or halt the much needed reforms. Indeed, if Denmark rejected the Package, the other Member States should proceed on their own, in effect excluding Denmark, which could have been the country's first step out of the community.

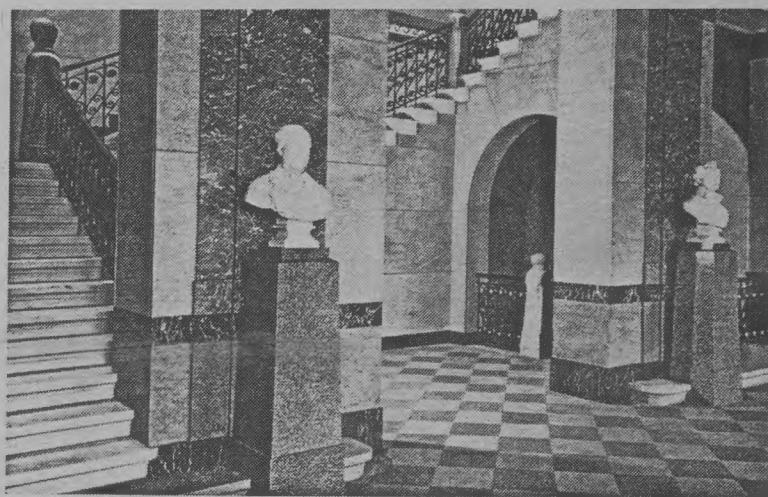
Had the adoption of the EC-Package been scuttled by the Danes, it would have had grave and unpredictable consequences for the European Community, and Denmark's place in the EC. It would have jeopardized Denmark's relations with the other countries of Western Europe, as well as Denmark's own economic future.

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